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In independent claim 21, line 13, after "a slit" insert --located above a center of the opening--.

In independent claim 21, line 18, after "opening" insert --substantially--.

In independent claim 22, line 12, after "sideways" insert --through ports located above a center of the opening--.

In independent claim 22, line ¹⁴~~15~~, after "the opening" insert --substantially--.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The invention, "Heat-Cooking Apparatus" is in the field of cooking units that generate steam for the cooking process and provide safety means that prevent a user from being discomforted by the steam. The invention can be described as follows: A heat-cooking apparatus comprising: a heating chamber having an opening through which an article-to-be-heated is put into and taken out of the heating chamber; a door which is pivotably hinged in a bottom part or top part of a casing for housing the heating chamber and with which the opening is opened and closed; and a heating medium generating unit for generating a heating medium, the heat-cooking apparatus heating and thereby cooking the article-to-be-heated placed inside the heating chamber by means of the heating medium, wherein the heat-cooking apparatus further comprises: a blowing unit that blows air so that the air passes the opening sideways through ports located above a center of the opening and parallel to a rotation axis of the door when the door is opened, and the blowing unit blowing the air only across a part of the opening substantially above a center thereof. The prior art of reference in a similar field of